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Lexington Day.

One hundred and forty-two years ago to-day PAUL REVERE, booted and spurred, rode through every Middlesex village and farm shouting his warning of the coming of the approaching troops:

"A cry of defiance and not of fear, A voice in the darkness, a knock at the door:

And a word that shall echo forever

To-day once more the cry of war goes thrilling through the land, not now, however, the hurry of hoofs in a village street. Rather the steady beat of the engines of the airplanes soaring majestically high in air and car-REVERE's time the story of a war then to the embattled farmers who fired duty. the shot heard round the world would have seemed unthinkable.

For to-day at Washington gather for consultation leaders of the British, the gauntlet of defiance to a German King who sat by tolerance on a British throne and held for a time and defiant of democracy as he. The of democracy upon the British Government. It has never been seriously attacked since the American colonies

France was our ally then, as she is ward in the form of democracy. Her revolution followed ours in less than her people's essential democracy. perilled. The nation that has so borne itself in the world's most colossal. most destructive, most flercely fought combat as to challenge the admiration, almost the adoration of the

ing results! mocracy. Weak, uncouth and seemingly alone in all the world they stood. From all the world, save France, kings and emperors looked frowningly upon the nudacious disputants of their divine rights. To-day once more we battle for democracy-but not revolution. And the end of the triumphant progress is not yet.

It is right and fitting that we should celebrate Lexington Day after this lapse of almost 150 years. For at no time in history has the true significance of the midnight message of PAUL REVERE been so apparent and so convincing as to-day.

From the Classic Shades to the

Bosom of Dame Nature. Nothing more practical and intelligent has been done for the increas of the food supply in the United States than the graduation from schools and colleges in advance of the usual commencement day of boys who will go back to the farms and contribute their strength and their skill to the planting, cultivation and harvesting of the crops. Thousands of these young men are sons of farmers and already skilled in agriculture. They know the work they are called upon to do; they understand Its difficulties, and by the experience of childhood they have been prepared

For the task they are assuming is not easy. It offers no rose strewn avenue of escape from academic toils. The youngsters who choose it will

for its laborious details.

able lark, a soft respite from the | we have quoted: grind of instruction, a holiday excursion back to nature, must remem-

farm, with scholastic credit there. Onlone \$5,918 for, is not a mere fishing trip. The Potatoes 138,263 farmer's calling is a profession, a trade and a science. It engages the \$761,847 more on its imports of these mind and the body. Nobody who is three varieties of vegetables than it not willing to offer mind and body got for what it exported. Instead of unstintedly can hope to succeed.

permits no tiller of the soil who lies been doing as well as we do in peace late abed to reap rewards from her times. If we had done as well the broad acres. The farmers' sons know dribble that has been going abroad this; and the thousands of them who would not be noticed. are leaving their studies for the plough and the harrow know what they are about. But their example to place themselves where it will not is not lightly to be followed by youngsters who think they are invited to rest gently by the brookside while the farm work somehow gets itself done.

Universal Service Must Preserve the United States and Its Ideals.

The obstructionists in Congress who ppose the selective draft act in igporance or act in dishonesty.

If they are sincere in the demand that the volunteer system deserves s not producing satisfactory results. If they know that it is on trial, and commercial prices; to produce nagnore that fact, they are dishonest. Ignorant or dishonest, they seek to block the adoption of a measure that

has the backing of the military authorities, the support of history and the favor of the citizens of the United States in overwhelming numbers.

The vices of the volunteer system are notorious. Under it the number of men called for never has come forward. It has not brought to the colors representative bodies of men. Its call has been heeded by the best and most energetic. It has been unheard by the timid, the loafers, the cunning and the sly. The cream of the population has gone to the front: the skimmed milk has remained at rying in a manner undreamed of in home. The patriotic and public spirited have borne the burden; the selfunimaginable and of an alliance that ish and the lazy have shirked their

In any war the effects of this, immedfate and remote, are deplorable. The nation is drained of its best blood. The country loses its most French and American peoples. Our useful citizens. The race is deprived allies at Yorktown, our enemies at of its most valuable members, and Lexington are both in accord in the the future is left in the keeping of presence of a common enemy. At men of weaker wills and impaired Lexington our forebears threw down stamina. In the war that we are fighting to-day another element demands consideration.

We must not send to the battle the support of Ministers as autocratic line all our best men. On the farms, in the workshops, in the laboratories American Revolution clinched the hold essential work must be done. The producing and distributing instrumentalities of the country must be operated at the highest efficiency. This can be done only by the ablest managers and workers. Their service to now. To France, too, came her re- their country and the cause of humanity will be greater behind the fact it is time that you should show lines than in the trenches. Yet they ten years. But she has had to fight would be the first to volunteer, and position in which the German American again and again to keep her kings were we to depend on volunteers we under, to maintain the supremacy of should undergo the experience England has suffered, of training men That struggle is over. This war will for war, transporting them to the put the cap sheaf on her democratic battlefield and then, under the comedifice. Never again can it be im- pulsion of a terrible emergency, withdrawing them from the firing fine and

their lathes. The selective draft will prevent these errors and avoid these blun-safety first, and not stab American ders. It will assign the men of the nation to the service in which their is likely to be detected. We have which that triumph has been won. In efforts will be most productive. It 1871 France, under an Emperor, went will not strip the farms of labor to to war with Germany. To-day she fill the ranks of the army. It will fights under the leadership of her not transform the toolmaker into an whole people. Consider the contrast- artilleryman with no shells at his hand. It will adjust the burden to This Lexington Day in which again the necessities of families, to the the nation responds to a cry of defi- needs of the nation, to the obligaance and not of fear is the fitting and tions of the citizens. It will refinest complement to the day of PAUL strain the too ardent and spur on REVERE'S ride. Our farmers' flint- the laggard. It will enforce the oblocks opened then the war for de- ligations of citizenship and bar the doors to those who seek only profit

from the privileges which citizen-

ship confers. We are told that the word con scription is hateful to Americans. It means that the Government shall exercise its authority to enforce on alone. France, after winning its own every man the performance of his freedom, is with us. England, with duty. It means equality and fairness; only the trappings of a futile and im- it spells democracy in military serpotent monarchy left, fights avowedly vice. If it has been invested with a for democracy at home and abroad, bad signification, that must be over-Russia has thrown off the chains of come. Universal liability is the corthe Czar, and like our men at Lex- nerstone of republican institutions; it ington marches under the flag of must be enforced in their defence; and those who oppose it in the form now urged by the President oppose not only the safety but the very existence of the United States and the ideals this nation embodies.

Scratch, Man, or Starre!

The man who wonders whether it portant staple storage foods:

prevailing on the 15th of each Febru-Bureau of Labor Statistics. Beans to Metz on the east. up 100 per cent., onions up more than 200 per cent., potatoes up to nearly four times their old value!

these, illustrating the dangerous alim- French infantry made their grand asness of the food supply, the unintelligent are inclined to shout: "The Gov- teau, the Tahure ridge and turned the ernment is to blame. It is letting all Germans out of many of their second our food be sent abroad. An embargo would end these war prices!"

that kind is shown by the export and forced back into new intrenchments. The summons that bids us be patriots all! carn their degrees. And this fact import figures. Take the statistics and it held. The French never reached Nay, let us not daily, nor let us delay, the statistics and it held. The French never reached But rouse as they did upon Lexington Day for last February on the three staples | the railway. They won a victory in

ceive farm work to be an agree- whose scarcity is shown in the prices the sense that the Germans got all

Exports.

In one month this country spent feeding ourselves and doing our part Nature takes no days off, and she to feed other nations we have not

There are probably a million families in America who are in a position matter to them whether potatoes are twenty cents a peck or a dollar. They will have beans at perhaps three cents a pound. Their problem is not hard time to get it at any price, the munition factories having attracted so many men from the farm. The

not exist. The earth is the only gold mine that caterpillar tractor man has scratched east to west. his very life from it since progress first attered in the soul. When he stops scratching he starves.

Negative Loyalty Is Half Brother to Treason.

The facts that the author of the subjoined letter writes from the Yale Club and expresses himself without violence lend interest to his curious communication:

"TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: s very difficult indeed for a German American to understand your application of the word traitor to those whose hear and soul is not back of the Government in the present crisis. You either fail to appreciate or disregard entirely the fact that the pro-German, before we declared war upon Germany, wished for the success of German arms over the Allies because it was his sincere belief. from the reading of the evidence and his knowledge of the deeper causes, that Germany did not bring this war upon civilization.

"Now our Government practically demands that we shall assume a spirit and desire to kill those whom we hold innocent, which means nothing else than spirit to commit murder.

"We are loyal and will no doubt be ready to commit murder, for it will be our moral duty to do so when we are conscripted and placed face to face with our country's enemy, but for that very sympathy for a very nearly intolerable is placed.

"He is loyal; he will be loyal, but his loyalty must of necessity be more negative than positive.

"Be fair. GERMAN AMERICAN. "NEW YORK, April 18."

loyalty" is; we take it to be a child of Kultur, which teaches German soldiers in the back when the crime frightfulness. no room for this sentiment. Those who were afflicted with it in the '60s were called copperheads; and since country. Thus "German American' talks of "murder" when he means the killing of a public enemy by a man in the military service; such words come with bad grace at this time.

It has been the promise of pro-Germans that if the United States went to war they would be loval. Before the act of Congress which rec ognized the state of war against us created by Germany we heard nothing of "negative loyalty." If it hecomes conspicuous now, we shall look for rapid increases in the populations of the prisons; and if "negative loyalty" assumes proportions at all alarming, the laws defining treason will unquestionably assume a reality persons at present appear to believe

The Battle of the Alsne.

The operations in which the French are now engaged recall the Champagne offensive, but the present "drive" has a much longer front. More than eighteen months have elapsed since the Champagne offensive is worth his while to raise winter veg- was launched. It failed, although etables on his suburban lot will do 23,000 prisoners were taken and losses House of Commons in welcoming us well to look at the midwinter prices, of 140,000 in killed, wounded and into the war for liberty is to raise the for the last three years, on three im- missing, if the estimate of the French store of food supplies to the highest General Staff is right, were inflicted attainable point. 1915. 1916. 1917. upon the Germans. The infantry ad-.15 vanced on September 25 after the Potatoes, per peck.... 22 .57 .76 man positions for several days. The These are the average retail prices objective was the Bazaucourt-Challerange railway from four to five ary, as collected by the Government miles in the rear. This railway runs

Between Auberive and Massige both held by the Germans, who had constructed an intricate system of Confronted with figures such as cross trenches on higher ground, the It is Lexington Day! Sound the fifet sault. They seized the Massiges plapositions, but it cannot be said that the French really broke through the The entire folly of utterances of German line. The enemy's line was

the worst of the nine days battle, but when General NIVELLE began the second Champagne offensive two days ago his first task was to turn the Germans out of the positions which they consolidated and beld on October 4, 1915.

The Champagne offensive was undertaken for "political reasons," that is to say, to relieve pressure upon the Russians on the eastern front. As at the present time there is no military activity on the eastern front and there will probably be none until spring is further advanced and the ground hardens, the new offensive is not strategical in the same sense. It must be regarded as part of a general plan to outwit and outfight the Germans and compel a general retreat to Belgian territory and to their own soil; a gigantic enterprise considering how little ground was like the farmer's. He has to pay gained by the Allies at Ypres, Neuve heavily for labor and is having a Chapelle and in the Artois and first Champagne offensives.

But it must be borne in mind that conditions have changed in favor of home gardener is his own laborer, the French and British forces. In He puts into cultivation time and men, artillery and ammunition they strength which would otherwise be have a superiority at all important wasted or at least would return noth- points of contact. Without that sua trial, they are ignorant of the fact ing of money value to him. He is periority there would of course be no that it is now on trial, and that it now in a position to get better food hope of success. In the battle of by his own effort at a fraction of the Arras the British have achieved their greatest success of the war. Lens tional wealth that otherwise would and St. Quentin have been practically isolated and a thrust is being made at Cambral. The Germans always pans out, the only lottery in speak of the new French operations which every investor draws the capi- as the battle of the Aisne, the river tal prize. With sharpened stick or which flows through Solssons from

There seems to be no doubt that, although the French right extends beyond Rheims, Laon, twenty-five miles southeast of St. Quentin and some ten miles north of the course of the Alsne, is the objective for the present. Laon (population 11,000), capital of the Department of the Alsne, was the scene of a defeat of the French by BLUCHER in 1814. The vigor of the assault along the whole front has thus far won for the French every village and position against which an attack has been launched. They have taken 14,000 prisoners, and their line has been advanced from two to three miles. The stronghold of Auberive, which defied the French in September, 1915, has been wrested from the Germans in the new offensive. In fact, the advance so far has been as irresistible as the British "drive" further north, and this time the signs of a complete break through the German line are

resident, us John Wanamaker has, the common cause. cause in which we are enlisted he has a businesslike completion of the war. encouraged the feelings of all his felow countrymen.

ould impose its will over the liberties of the civilized world and uncivilized nations of the world through brute force and terrorism or "frechtlichkeit,"-Sen

the first "t" out of the quoted noun.

The Supreme Court of New York, in the person of Justice Morschausen, to Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and in the country is at war and for no has taken cognizance of the world's agricultural needs by excusing farmTucson, Ariz., as the finished product.

The country is at war and for no relief that war to utilize from the outset as efficiently and intelligently as possi-

"harden" is preferable to "Arden" as a rhyme for "garden." All the words lines or rows two inches apart.

It is no use to hiss the Hon, BOURKE Cockran. There are no snakes in Ireland and he cannot possibly attach the proper significance to the unfamiliar

Daylight saving may be deferred, but nocturnal economy, Mayor MITCHEL states, will begin promptly on May 1,

The Colombian treaty in the form in our courts that some misguided which has aroused opposition in the Senate has been dropped and a new isfactory to this country and to Co- the American flag?" ness but would accomplish the desirable objects the citizens of both re- given the matter any thought. Have publics hope to see brought about.

> The best way for the United States to acknowledge the politeness of the and just gaze at the flag?"

Life for the Emergency Peace Fed eration is just one emergency after

Lexington Day.

It is Lexington Day! Beat the drum! Heat the drum! Te spirits of Hancock and John Adams And ye. William Dimon, awake ye and drum as ye did upon Lexington

Sound the fife! If strife there must be, let us join in the with our front to the foe, with our face As our sires did of old upon Lexington

It is Lexington Day! Hear the call! Hear the call! CLINTON SCOLLARD.

AMERICA IN THE WAR. Unification, Usefulness as a World Power, Preparedness Our Gains.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: 1 is not amiss to help our muddled pacifists, now sulking in the coffee houses or their literary tents, to a comprehension of the three outstanding nefits of our entry into the war, benefits little likely of fruition in a state of neutrality or of profitless diluted ethical

Paramount is the clarifying of our

ing of latent stores of national energy. A nation compounded of varied ethnic groups has little opportunity to take stock of its common elements and aspirations in the normal course of affairs. Just as a crisis in spiritual values precedes the birth of a nation, so does a great trial and a common danger reassert the basic unity of the existing nation. We must ever be reminded of those concepts of justice and equity the vital kernel of all the factors, inon which this nation is founded, not because it has departed too far from these ideals, but because a complex economic and technical progress tends to obscure the deeper issues of life. The present war will complete the process of unification furthered by the civil war. It is the one assimilating agency which can prove efficacious beyond the dreams of Americanization leagues and other

The second result takes America from the quixotic position of a world Power people to come into their own in this without world responsibility into sphere of action where its material fast going out of fashion. esources and political genius may make growth and moral vulnerability

The third benefit is the lesson that our rehabilitation of will must bring to prospective enemies or trouble makers. Their conduct in the future cannot be based on contempt for our administration. Thus our enterprise in this to see the beauty of the purple twiligh hitherto seemed inevitable. It constitutes a defence and a preparation which as a new form of militarism, but as the maturity of our self-respect

ABRAHAM SOLOMON. NEW YORK, April 18.

The Blessings of Freedom Will Become Universal.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Thank God for America, whose cooperation with the Entente Allies in their fight for civilization helps to make this the most splendid period in the world's history! After 1914-1917 none can say that our men and women, the product of generations of education and refinement, are less herold or self-sacrificing than were those of old.

Out of the awful terrors of war will come, not German domination, but a universal extension of liberal self-government for all peoples; with a mutual respect between nations and men, be-Not every citizen can say to the all who are fighting toward victory in

that he has in his employ 1,200 men The war has united the political fac-accomplished in military drill who are tions and classes of England, and at the nation's service; not every citi- brought into harmonious accord all zen can offer for the country's use parts of the British Empire. It has such facilities as Mr. Wanamaker has revivified the greatness of France, given People of the United States. put at its disposal. But the spirit of enlightenment and liberty to Russia patriotism which inspires Mr. Wana- and now, the greatest boon of all, it has Chief Executive of the entire body of MAKER can be shared by everybody; joined England and America in a holy and in displaying his fervor for the partnership, whose first fruits will be

Thereafter will come hearty cooperation in helping to rearrange the governing President in his capacity of Commander cers had to be enforced, which also is Knowing a good deal about the and industrial affairs of the world so The day when the military autocracy that the blessings of freedom may be- the come universal

FREDERICK W. BARNER NEW YORK, April 18.

The Congressional Record should SIXTEEN WEEKS TRAINING. than framed in abrupt military style diminishes in no wise either the force of officers are sent here too. Recruits will be near the point. The Congressional Receive the Ger-

whereof he speaks.

I enlisted in New York in 1885, went the event. that of any man with a previous enlist- lives and resources. ment to his credit.

"farm" may be rhymed with "harm" fit and I will guarantee to turn them but not with "warm," and that out as first class fighting men, foot or have been touched upon, expounded and horse, in sixteen weeks time. One string in spring poems should be sowed in uniforms. With the shedding of the that the nation should not recognize the civilian garb comes a realization that essential truth of the major propositions the civilian frame of mind goes to the advanced. background and the individual becomes | The duty is to be performed and by fused into the group.

PHILADELPHIA, April 18,

A LITTLE GIRL'S SALUTE. A Simple Act Which Met With Lin-

Mr. Lincoln was puzzled and finally said: "Why, my little dear, I have never you any suggestion to make? "Well," the child said, "why can't we

place our right hands over our hearts Mr. Lincoln said: "I think that would be splendid." ADRIAN G. HEGEMAN. AURIAN G. HEGEMAN. NEW YORK, April 18.

The Hand on the Heart Confirmed.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir; The Daughters of the Revolution are established wanton havon and desolution is limited to their table use. ishing the Loyal League to foster pas wrought by the retreating hordes; and triotism and good citizenship in the schools of America. Boys pledge them- of all these horrors on the ground that selves to uncover in saluting the flag "necessity has no law," that a treaty is which gives a diagram, easily re-Girls promise to cover their hearts with only a "scrap of paper," are they not ducible, of a commuter's garden, with "of voluntary emistagest their right hands.

salute the flag. Mrs. HERBERT LINCOLN JOECKEL NEW YORK, April 18,

Not Safety First.

From the Waco Times-Herald. Now is a good time not to go about with a map sewed up in the lining of one's TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: John

A Sable Philosopher. let him in on the secret. From the Atlanta Constitution Dar's a way er find a road round de The Astor The Astor House bought a class once ter build a fire under de food trust NEW YORK, April 18.

ON TO BERLIN! There a Peace for Democracy Should Be Dictated by the Allies.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT! On nation after another has been caught in the undertow and drawn into this world vortex of conflict. Prior to the invasion of Belgium we in America had stood for the best in research, efficiency and learning; therefore we should place her upon a pedestal. It was urged that her universities were superior, that her thinkers were in the front rank, that to her must be given the supremacy in culture, in science, in thought and in all

that was worth while. Out of the horrors of war with its crudble, its deep shadows and deeper lessons, what do we see? We see that Germany in her building of a nation has left out the keystone to the arch of a nation's greatness, the enduring foundation stone of all national supremacy, tegrity. What nation can survive without integrity in its creed? We have been sending missionaries to unknown peoples, to the islands of far seas, but what about Germany's need? In her dictionary the word integrity must have been omitted or given a strange definition. What a legacy to leave her country under a leadership convicted pon every count, without integrity. May God help the honest, plain German crucial time. Kings and queens are

It is suggested that gruelling physitheir contribution to new international cal punishment should be meted out to ideals and practices. We could as little the German Emperor and his wreckescape this destiny as Russia could ing crew of yoke fellows, but what have escaped revolution. While our greater punishment or retribution could previous isolation has brought us rela- persistently follow those leaders day and tive security, it has meant stunted night if they were permitted to live or far into the coming years to look into the eyes of the blind and upon the crippled of the people they have betrayed? As they, with conscience sodden by brutality, look from out the west windows of life, will they be likely war will help to prevent conflicts which which comes to those who have builded upon integrity? Will any one upon this wide earth envy that pitiless, branded the whole world will understand, not group of German leaders their onlook

into the fast fading years? It has been said that the Emperor long years back caused a great highway or boulevard, straight as an arrow, to be built at vast cost, leading many miles out from Berlin, and that this broad and imposing avenue was to be used in his next war for the return of his victorious armies, beneath arches of triumph, with the plaudits of the populace. Could the German people have a more valuable object lesson for all time than the spectacle of the armies of the Allies entering Berlin over that imperial highway dedicated to blood, there to dictate a world peace for democracy? Would that not be a fitting climax to unconditional surrender? Can this conflict for democracy end without unconditional surrender?

CIVILIAN SLACKERS. Everybody Should Respond to the

President's Appeal for Service. President has issued General Order No. the Army of the Nation-the

It is issued by him in his capacity of formed army, the whole citizenry, as

in Chief of the Army and the Navy to The order in brief is: Avoid waste, practise economy, organize resources, increase production. That it is counted in terms addressed to the reason rather To the Entron or The Sun-Sir. "Gal. intelligence of the individuals who or, better, would have changed it to "schrecklichkeit," which probably is toping Jim" Parker is no other than what the Senator meant to say. "Freehlichkeit" means impudence, not "Freehlichkeit" means impudence, not tells you that soldiers can be licked into

Prussia has taught the world what first and gardeners from jury duty. If frightfulness means, copperheads are all the men who are disinclined to do intrough the Geronino campaign, part of let all the natural advantages of the not going to fare pleasantly in any let a sport. Tucson, Ariz, as the finished product, as efficiently and intelligently as possitively and intelligently and intelligently as possitively as possitively and intelligently as possitively as possitively and intelligently as possitively and intelligently as possitively as possitively as possitively and intelligently as possitively as possitively as possitively and intelligently as possitively as possitively and intell the soil there would never be a short- Lieutenant. My record was as good as borne with as little loss as may be in

The President has expressed this tem-Give me a number of men physically perately and clearly, forcefully, unmade clear with an insight as well as

> each and all. There is quite as much of disgrace in shirking one's civilian duty as there would be were it a milli-Finally one should note that a great

part of that duty lies in the strict avoidance of any minimizing either to be will have a refreshing sleep after oneself or to others of the importance healt ful purelyal exercise. This apof compliance with the President's mes-To the Editor of the Sun-Sir: A rage to the people. Indeed it would be little child visiting Abraham Lincoln perilously near the crime of treason to with her father in Mr. Lincoln's private the United States so to do, for it would convention is to be negotiated. The office when he was President of the decision to approach this difficult subject anew is commendable. It should Lincoln and said: "Mr. President, what lessly so speak as to minimize the duty." possible to write an agreement sat- is the best way for a little girl to salute in the mind of a single individual he should be checked and admonished

CHARLES STEWART DAVISON. NEW YORK, April 18.

The Impudence of Bolder Vices. To the Editor of The Sun-Sir! When

people think of the desolation of Beigium and the expatriation of its peuple; when they recall the blowing up the lives of women and children dethen refer to the attempted Listification reminded of these lines in Shakespeare's directions for planting, may be had by they forces of the Printed There is no better way for women to "Winter's Tale," Act III., Scene 2: "I ne'er heard yet.

Director Loyal League, New York State. Less impudence to gainsay what they ture. Washington, D. C. on applica- and beaut from as & Than to perform it first."

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., April 18.

Secret of a Lamented Chowder.

D. Anderson asks for the recipe of the Astor House chowder. I am glad to use bought a claim once
NELSON A. Min.i.rg.

pril 18.

That any change in Russia is said have no fort.

Bella—Yes, people who never go as the Church in America exists as an indepapers anyway can think they are car-

A BRITISH OFFICER'S EXPERIENCE IN TRAINING RECRUITS FOR THE FRONT.

In Five Months a Capable Gunner Is Made, but the Infantryman Is More of a Problem.

I am a British officer invalided from man little can be done. A hopeless France, and before being sent to man is sent off to manual work of America on duty I was engaged in some kind. A safe average is three training raw recruits for the front. I weeks. All depends upon the officer can give the American people some and his assistant officers and the noninformation about intensive training which is based upon experience and observation in British camps and behind the trenches.

Is it possible to train a gunner in sixteen weeks? Is it possible to train an infantry-

man in sixteen weeks? When the war started numerous divisions were formed containing the usual artillery. The artillery of what was termed Kitchener's first army was fairly well equipped with senior officers, some junior officers and a fair number of efficient non-commissioned officers. They had a few obsolete guns, a few horses and a little harness. For six months it was impossible to equip them, Our large ordnance firms, with a capacity many times greater than those in the United States, were unable to supply our volunteers with guns for nearly six months. However, discipline is of great importance, and what the men missed in actual gunnery they made up in general training and discipline. Finally they were sent to the front and did well. Ammunition was scarce, however, and they had not a fair

In regard to the second army mut-

ters were different. There were no

non-commissioned officers of any use.

chance.

and those promoted from the ranks were not much good. There arrived. after a time, some regular officers and non-commissioned officers who had been wounded. They were few in number. The junior nothing. I was one of them. We struggled on for many months without harness and guns. Please try to imagine it. The senior officers had a fearful time training young officers and men. Junior officers were sent to the school of gunnery for a month of intensive training. They learned gunnery, but it took them a long time to learn how to handle men, which is of vital importance. Nine months passed with little equipment, and finally guns arrived. Two more months passed, and we were in France. Generally speaking, our gunnery was The driving could have been better. Horse management was bad. Toward the end of our training officers in greater numbers arrived from to be worked out carefully to time. the front, and this was a great help. One handicap for the young officers geants "dead" for years, who had

This gives you a rough idea of the difficulties in making an army out of nothing. The non-commissioned officer problem was the greatest diffi-They always shielded their men and would never shoulder re- nothing. The battery is working ac-To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The sponsibility. When accused of negligence the reply always was, "But, sir, do so, From this you will gather the told Gunner Jones to do it." No idea of making Gunner Jones do the disasters and successes run round a job entered their heads. However, we hattle field. Both are often dangerous found that attention to the personal A poor devil worn out and almost mad the citizenship. It is to be obeyed as appearance of both non-commissioned will say; "Come, lads, let's get out of officers and men had wonderful results. Rigid discipline was necessary. though it were an order issued by the Saluting officers and respect to offiof vital importance. Now matters have eapacity of this country for the machanged.

been called up.

There are depots throughout Eng- much that the equipment that we are land where officers and non-commis- using should be turned out. At the sioned officers returning from sick same time, divide what you think to leave spend a month or two before be the capacity of this country for and conscripts arrive in rost To the smarrest officers and non-com- in France and more than they need takes a week. Sometimes with a dull world from many months of war

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dropped so completely? winter's supply. Ever, where we see work that can be postponed until after signs of this being done, but it seems the war, to me an extra hour of daylight this | I have been told of a man'of great

summer would further the work ing cannot get up carly to do this work tate on Long Island last year, and then go to his office in the city paying to cents a day more than the feeling fresh and clear headed. Let prevailing wages attracted all the workon have that extra hour at night and ingmen from farms for miles around plies to the factory worker as well as to improve the r links and then East Obands, N. J., April 18.

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commissioned officers. In Squad B month is usually spent here. Then the recruit is sent to Squad C, and after five weeks he is ready to go to the firing line.

Arriving in France the recruit is attached to an ammunition column. Here he ought to be trained in came paigning generally. If he is a good man two weeks or three will find him in a battery. In the battery he is still a recruit, and in the gun crew he does minor work. Every afternoon when nothing is happening the officer of his section teaches him gun laying. His sergeant, often a fine chapinstils into him the esprit de corps of the battery. He is smartened up, and drilled every day. He learns to his astonishment that the appearance of a soldler in a good battery at the front is better than that seen in England. He is inspected every day, and he finds that his life is more comfortable if he shaves regularly and polishes his buttons every night. If he is a good man he is an efficient gunner in five months from the time he enlisted. and one month, sometimes even more of that time has been spent at the front. The gunner in a good battery has seldom to experience an intensive bombardment. Hence discipline is not quite so important. I hope that you

It used to be said that you could make an infantryman in six months. but it took years to make a gunner. This war has proved the contrary to be true. It takes a long time to make a free Briton into a machine. An infantryman has all the importance of a pinion or gear wheel in a vast ma-chine. His disciplinary training has to be such that when his senses are frightened out of him the impulse to run away has been turned into the impulse to obey. The bravest man in the world under modern shell fire becomes almost a little child with one impulse-to get out of it. And so the training of an infantry soldier is more difficult, more trying than that of the gunner. Personal courage, fine in itself on the part of a man or a unit in the infantry, often brings tragedy.

understand all this

A modern battle when communications nearly always break down has A courageous company of infantry was the old sergeant-majors and ser- tered by its own artillery, and so leave an empty space in the line of attack The artillery, often to blame, in a case like this is blameless. The artillery forward observing officer may wires have been broken and he is two miles from his battery. He can do cording to orders and will continue to it." A few may even follow him. The fate of such a man if he is found out

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